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(3) The rules for Madras Highways Engineering Service prescribe a minimum service of ten years in the case of Upper Subordinate and L.C.E. qualified Supervisors for recruitment as Assistant Engineers by transfer.

(4) The principle of giving a greater weightage to higher University qualification in technical department within the P.W.D. cannot be questioned.

(5) As the proportion of 3 : 1 has been fixed for direct recruitment of Junior Engineers and Supervisors, it is logical and proper that the same proportion should be applied in the matter of appointment as Assistant Engineers by transfer from that subordinate category.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it not a fact that these diploma-holders are not able to get the post of Assistant Engineers till a few years before retirement and that their prospects have been dimmed by this procedure?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Sir, I cannot accept the views of the hon. Member. Only after considering merits, we are selecting candidates.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are they not doing the same nature of work? Is not the work of the Degree-holder till he becomes an Assistant Engineer the same as that of the diploma-holder?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I think the hon. Member may put a separate question, whether they are doing the same work. Only after considering their merits and their service, we are giving promotions.

*Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes*

* 103 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for 1957–58 has been received by the Government;

(*b*) whether any recommendations have been made in respect of this State; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) None of the recommendations relates exclusively to Madras State.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : நமது இராச்சியத்தைப்பற்றி அவர்கள் ஏன் சிபாரிசு செய்யவில்லை? அதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன?